



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Frank Eidam
FOR : **LOCKING RING**
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EXAMINER : James R Brittain
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant request Continued Examination and further requests the enclosed preliminary amendment be entered prior to substantive examination.

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